

FREMONT FOOD PANTRY

The Fremont Food Pantry is gearing up for the Fall/Winter season. We have had the great opportunity to participate with the Shaw's Supermarket fundraising program. This program allows us to collect Shaw's grocery receipts and receive a small percentage of total dollars spent. This is a great and easy fundraiser, so save your receipts! A drop off location is available at the Fremont Town Hall and will be available at the Ellis School. Thanks to all of you that have been saving the receipts for us and keep them coming!

As we plan for the upcoming months, here are some items that we are always in need of:

Frozen vegetables	Bread
Frozen meats / frozen complete meals	Mayonaise
Shampoo / Conditioner	Juice
Paper Towels	Snacks
Gift cards to Hannaford, Wal-Mart, or the Dollar Store	

Thank you for your continued support. If you would like to have more information about the Fremont Food Pantry please call Kathy at 895 1162 or Stephanie at 895 4454.

FREMONT ENERGY COMMITTEE NEWS

The Fremont Energy Committee (FEC) was formed in 2007 as a result of the positive vote at Town Meeting on Article 21, addressing climate change. The human impact on climate change is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels (oil, natural gas & its derivatives and coal, the main source of electricity generation). It therefore follows that the main focus of the FEC is to promote the reduction of fossil fuel usage by the municipality and its citizens. As we all know, energy prices are drastically increasing, and due to expanding world demand, will continue to do so. In this light, all of the efforts to reduce energy usage are in fact, efforts to reduce the Town's expenditures (and your taxes), as well as resident's household operating costs. It should be noted that the projected energy costs for Fremont's municipal activities will exceed \$200,000 per year, if we continue in our present mode. Listed below are some of the FEC's ongoing activities in conjunction with the Selectmen, Town Administrator, Ellis School and Planning Board. We would like to see these efforts proceed at a faster pace, and welcome the participation of new volunteers.

ENERGY USAGE :MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND ACTIVITIES:

An initial audit has been done by the FEC, outlining energy usage in all Town sectors. An audit of electrical consumption and a proposal to retrofit lighting and other devices with energy efficient alternatives will be done by PSNH. Ellis School has installed energy efficient lighting, instituted increased recycling, and is in the process of having a comprehensive energy efficiency evaluation performed.

ENERGY SAVINGS SUGGESTIONS: The FREMONT NEWSLETTER publishes monthly suggestions for household energy savings.

FREMONT MASTER PLAN: There will be an energy efficiency segment of the Master Plan submitted to the Planning Board by the FEC in 2008.

ORDINANCE FOR INSTALLATION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVICES: An ordinance will be drafted for consideration which will exempt renewable energy devices (wind, solar, geothermal, etc.) from being added to the assessed property value.

GRANTS: Fremont will apply for grants to install renewable energy devices on municipal buildings.

GOVERNORS TASK FORCE ON GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION: Fremont residents have participated in the State of NH planning process for its energy future.

TRASH RECYCLING: The FEC in conjunction with the Selectmen's Office has promoted this effort.

RELAXATION...AT THE LIBRARY

The Friends are excited to bring Diane Gelinas, motivational speaker, author and Reiki Master to the Fremont Library on September 18th from 7-8 PM. The relaxation workshop is designed

to help participants learn practical techniques to manage stress and create balance in their life. Diane will also discuss the connection between everyday stress and our health. There is no charge for the program which will take place in the community room. Space is limited - those interested may sign up at the library, or by emailing rowells4@verizon.net.

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Budget Committee will meet on Wednesdays from September 3, through November 12, 2008 at 7:00 pm. The Town's public budget hearing will be held in January 2009, and it is likely the School District public budget hearing will be held in early February. Petition Town warrant articles are due by 4:00 pm on Tuesday January 13, 2009 at the Selectmen's Office. The deliberative session is tentatively scheduled for Saturday January 31, 2009 at 5:00 pm at the Ellis School Gym, with a snow date of Saturday February 7, 2009. The warrant and budgets will be available shortly before that meeting, so be sure to watch the website and postings for the information. Copies of the warrant and budget will also be available at the meeting.

Town Reports will be available at the beginning of March as in years past, and all voting will take place on Tuesday March 10, 2009 at the Fremont Safety Complex. Polls will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

CEMETERY VANDALISM

There has recently been some vandalism at the Village Cemetery, resulting in loss of Veteran Grave Markers. The Trustees and Cemetery workers have tried to fix/replace what was thought to be missing. If you should find that a Veteran marker is missing at the grave of a loved one, please contact the Selectmen's Office at 895 2226 x 11 and leave the name and grave location information so it can be replaced. If you find a marker on a grave that should not be there, please leave it by the shed in the rear of the cemetery so we can put it in its proper place.

Please be watchful of what is happening in cemeteries when you are there, and report any suspicious behavior to the Fremont Police Department by calling 895 2229.

BOOK SALE

The Friends will hold their book sale on October 18 at the library. Book donations are now being accepted. The Friends ask that donations do not include encyclopedias or text books. The monies earned will help fund museum passes and library programs. Email Cheryl with questions: rowells4@verizon.net.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Summer Reading Program just flew by! We were "buggy" for books! During the program, 541 picture books, 330 chapter books, 222 nonfiction books, 488 easy readers, and 40 board books (a total of 1,621 Children's books) were checked out!

F"ANT"ASTIC JOB, KIDS!!! We had great fun playing the "Catch the Reading Bug Game." We also made lots of "buggy" crafts; listened to "buggy" stories and played some "buggy" guessing games.

As usual, Musician Steve Blunt gave us a kick-off performance full of "ant"-ics! including marching around the Library to the tune of "The Ants Go Marching One by One," while Steve accompanied us on his horn. He also played the guitar, drum and a tiny ukelele! He had lots of "buggy" songs he wrote just for our program.

Our other performers were extraordinary too: Martha Dana and her hand-made puppets were delightful. Allison from the Massebesic Audubon Society taught us just how important insects are. Tracy Hines gave an observational nature class which allowed us to see nature up close. The Majestic Theatre spun a magical tale, "The Return of the Glass Slipper," which was ench"ant"ing....

Many thank yous are in order: to the parents who took the time to come to the Library, and to instill in their children a love of literacy; to

Barbara Bassett and the Board of Trustees for their support; to the Friends of the Library for their continued support; to Cathy Murdock for her brain-storming and her enthusiasm; to Dick Rand for the great upkeep of the building, no matter what event took place; to Marlene Emery for covering the desk during storytimes and her help with putting together our "buggy" quilt; and to so many patrons, especially the Abney family, who donated many terrific books in prime condition that could be used as prizes.

Autumn Story Times begin the week of September 16th.

Registration starts the week before - September 9th. The schedule is as follows:

- Teddy Bear Tales for 3's ONLY: Fridays at 10:30;
- Preschool Story Time for 4's and 5's ONLY: Fridays at 1:30;
- After School Poetry Group for 6-8 year olds ONLY: Thursdays at 3:45.

Stop by the Library or call 895-9543 for further information. You can also visit our website: www.fremontpubliclibrary.org to find out what else is happening at the Library. Hope to see you soon!

BOXTOP\$FOREducation

Kick-Off Opportunities - BoxTop\$ForEducation is kicking off the 2008-09 year with great opportunities for earning \$\$ to support Fremont PTA programs/events. The 2008-09 theme is, "It Pays to be Passionate" and in keeping with that theme, we want to see how 'passionate' our community can be for Ellis School. If you sign up to support our school before 12/31/2008 on www.btfte.com/2008, BoxTop\$ will give our school a bonus 5 BoxTop\$ for each signup. When you signup on www.btfte.com/2008, designate Ellis School in Fremont, NH. Then, BoxTop\$ will send you a welcome email. Click on the green box at bottom of email with the little girl. This is how we get the 5 bonus BoxTop\$. After signing up to support Ellis School at www.btfte.com/2008, supporters can shop for books at Barnes & Noble.com through the BoxTops Reading Room, which can result in earnings of up to 6% on new books, magazines, and textbooks, and 3% on all other items.

BoxTop\$ on New Products - New grocery products for the collection of BoxTop\$ForEducation include Nestle Juicy Juice bottles, cans and carton packs. Also, look for special peel-off stickers worth 2 Bonus Box Tops on your favorite bakery product packages at major grocery stores during the back-to-school season. You can pick up a Bonus Card at the same time in your local grocery store. Attach your Bonus Box Tops stickers to the Bonus Card, and bring them (along with the rest of your BoxTop\$) to a collection container at Ellis School, Town Library or Town Hall. Cards with 5 stickers (10 total Bonus Box Tops) will earn double that amount, or 20 Bonus Box Tops, when they're submitted by our school's BoxTop\$ coordinator. Also, watch for a Bonus BoxTop\$ opportunity sponsored by Shaws grocery stores.

FREMONT GARDEN CLUB HOLDS TOUR

The FGC held a garden tour of seven gardens in town on Sunday, August 18, 2008 from 1 to 5 pm. Hosting the tour were Carolyn Carr, Aja Mahoney, Lorraine & Jack Downing, Patricia Richmond, Nancy LeCain, Connie Lawson and Mary Kaltenbach.

The weather was picture perfect and a good time was had by all. Thank you to all of the hosts and hostesses for sharing their gardens with the public.

DRINK (HOOD) MILK?

If you do, are you collecting the "2008 Sox Tops for Kids" and/or "3-A-Day" milk caps on your jugs? Each cap = 5¢ for Ellis School through a program presented by HP Hood LLC and Red Sox Kid Nation. This year's proceeds will be used by Mrs Jackson to purchase some team building equipment to use at the start of PE classes next winter. Caps can be put in any of the milk jug collection containers (please be kind and rinse your Sox Tops of milk residue) located at the Fremont Town Hall, Public Library, Village Market, or

Ellis School lobby. Got questions? visit www.hood.com or call Faith Levesque at 679-9537.

LABELS FOR EDUCATION UPDATE

The 2008-09 LabelsForEducation collection program for Ellis School has just kicked off with new opportunities to earn label points towards free educational items for the Ellis School community. LabelsForEducation has added a new product, **V-8 Soups**, to its list of eligible products for collection of UPCs. Remember to clip and collect UPCs worth 1 and 5 point values from the following products: Campbells and Swanson soups, Spaghettios and FrancoAmerican Pasta cans, Prego sauces, Pepperidge Farms bakery and snack products, V-8 soups, and V-8 beverage caps. Also, look and read your newspaper on **Sunday, September 7th** for the first bonus opportunity of this year to earn bonus points for Ellis School. Bring your LabelsForEducation UPCs and bonus points to collection containers located in the Ellis School lobby, Town Library or Town Hall.

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

As school resumes in September, the School Board would like to wish everyone a happy and successful school year. This will be an important year as we will be searching for a permanent Middle School Principal and preparing a Strategic Plan to develop a shared vision for the future operation of our school. We look forward to working with the SAU office, Administration, staff, and community on these important projects.

As always, meetings of the School Board are open to the public and you are welcome to check out the web page on the Ellis School website for more information. (www.sau83.org)

RFP's UPCOMING WORK

The Town has projects posted for acceptance of proposals. Narratives will soon be available on the Town's website on the home page and are available in hard copy (with the plans) in the Selectmen's Office during regular office hours. One project involves drainage work at the ballfields, the other repair of a stone wall on North Road. Another will be forthcoming for renovations to the basement at the Town Hall. Please refer to the specifications for more information. Bids for North Road and the Ballfields will be due in September and work must be completed no later than November 1, 2008.

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

There is currently a vacancy for Trustee of Trust Funds for a three year term through March 2011. The Trustees are basically volunteers who are generally responsible for management, investment and reporting of the Town's trust funds, which are for general town purposes (libraries, schools); Capital Reserve Funds, Town trust funds, and cemetery perpetual care funds.

A general information piece (compiled from current statutes) is available on the Town's website (home page under volunteer position openings).

Anyone interested in this position can contact Pat Martel by email at martel4@comcast.net or call Heidi at the Town Offices at 895 2226 x 10 to get additional information. Pat will return a phone call to you if you leave your phone number in the email, or leave information with Heidi or Jeanne in the Selectmen's Office.

If you are interested in the position, please submit a letter of interest, highlighting any pertinent background you have, including any financial experience. Submit a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen, PO Box 120, Fremont NH 03044-0120. The position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

Notice from the Town Clerk's Office: Beginning 10/01/08 there will be an increase in vehicle decal fees from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per decal, per registration. This fee increase is in accordance with RSA 261:74-d.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The following Fremont Organizations are looking for members:

Open Space Committee ~ Conservation Commission
Planning Board
Zoning Board of Adjustment

Representative to the Exeter River Local Advisory Committee
Consider becoming involved! There are full board member and alternate positions available.

Learn more about your town and perform a very valuable community service. Contact the Land Use Office at 895 3200 x 17 for more information. Also check the town website at

www.Fremont.nh.gov for more information including minutes of meetings, notices, and postings. Get involved in making Fremont the place you want to live!

ROADS & THE RIGHT-OF-WAY

Obstructions in the Town's right-of-way are not permitted. Plantings, mulch, trees, rocks, irrigation system sprinkler heads, and decorative pavers ARE NOT PERMITTED. These structures of any size obstruct drainage from the roadway and cause other road problems. Please help keep the ROW area clear.

RSA 236:15 states that any building, structure or fence within or over any highway is a public nuisance. Please do not place any such items in the right-of-way or they are subject to being removed by the Highway Department. In general, the town right of way is 13 feet on either edge of the paved surface. If you have any questions, please contact Road Agent Guerwood Holmes at 300 7429.

DRIVEWAY PAVING PERMITS

Before any driveway is paved or resurfaced, approval is needed from the Road Agent. Grading and drainage issues need to be checked before any pavement (new or replacement) is installed. New driveway construction also requires a permit from the Town. The Planning Board Driveway Regulations, new driveway construction permit, and the driveway paving permit are available on the Town website at www.Fremont.nh.gov on the Road Agent page.

Driveway permits and an inspection are also required when installing or relocating your driveway, for improvements such as garage construction. Contact Guerwood Holmes at 300 7429 for more information. Permits and regulation information are also available at the Selectmen's or Building Inspection Offices during regular office hours. All other permitting questions can be directed to the Building Inspector Thom Roy at 895 3200 x 18 or by email to FremontBI@comcast.net.

PEPPERMINT PONIES 4H HORSE CLUB

Do you love horses & ponies and want to learn more about them? Youth 5 -18 are welcome to attend club meetings as a guest. You do not need to have a horse and there is no charge for guests. Next meeting date: September 10 from 6 – 7:30 pm at 370 North Road, North Road Farm, Fremont. Contact Jan Brubacher, Club Leader or stop by the farm for more information on programs or horse camp: j.brubacher@comcast.net or 679-3367. You can also visit www.northroadfarm.com and www.peppermintponies4h.org.

VEHICLE TRANSFERS

Transferring plates from one vehicle to another can pose to be somewhat confusing. When purchasing a new / used vehicle, you **MUST** keep the registration to your old vehicle because the Division of Motor Vehicles requires you to surrender that registration to the Town Clerk's office when you transact the transfer. Please be sure that whoever's name is listed as the primary owner on the old registration, must also be listed on the paperwork for the newly acquired vehicle. The Clerk's office highly recommends that if you have any questions regarding "transfers" that you call us at 895 8693.

DOG LICENSES OVERDUE

Many of you have received your civil forfeiture notice from the Animal Control Officer. To avoid the \$25.00 per dog fine in the future, you **MUST** license your dog before April 30th of each year. This is an RSA set forth by the State of New Hampshire and the Town of Fremont must comply with the RSA. The Clerk's office encourages you to take advantage of the mail-in service. To mail-in your information, send rabies certificates, dog's information, and the appropriate fees, along with a \$1.00 per registration mail-in convenience fee to the Town Clerk, PO Box 120, Fremont NH 03044. Call 895 8693 for more information.